

## **Resolution No. 20-17**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS ADOPTING RULES OF ORDER AND DECORUM FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the primary purpose of the City of Las Vegas Council (the “Council”) meetings is for elected officials to conduct City business; and

**WHEREAS**, during a meeting of the Council, there is a need for order and efficiency in the carrying out of public business which may include the public having an opportunity to be heard. This resolution is written notice to all persons of the rules of order and decorum at Council meetings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO, THAT;**

By entering the Council chambers, every person thereby consents to their image, voice, expressions and/or activities being captured by photography, audio recording, video recording or any other means (collectively the “Captured Data”), and furthermore consents to the use of any such Captured Data by the City of Las Vegas for use on the City’s website, media broadcasts and other such uses as the City may determine, in its sole discretion, from time to time.

#### **General Rules of Order and Decorum**

During any Council meeting, the following rules of order and decorum shall be observed.

1. All remarks shall be addressed to the Council as a whole and not to any single member of the Council.
2. Council members and other persons shall address the Mayor when they desire to speak.
3. Members of the public desiring to address Mayor and/or Council during the public input portion of the Council meeting must sign in at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the Council meeting. During unforeseen circumstances, public input may be forwarded to the City Clerk through email or fax transmittal by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the Council meeting.
4. A person who addresses the Council pursuant to the public input portion of the Council meeting shall strictly limit their content to topic(s) on the agenda for the current Council meeting. A person may not engage in speech or conduct that: (i) may provoke others; (ii) may disturb the peace of the Council meeting; (iii) is repetitive or irrelevant to the current agenda; or (iv) disrupts, disturbs, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the Council meeting.

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5. A person signed up for the public input portion of the Council meeting pursuant to paragraph four (4) above will be allowed three (3) minutes to speak, and will not be allowed to yield any time to any other person.
6. No person in the audience shall speak or express themselves unless formally recognized for such a purpose by the Mayor.
7. No person in the audience at a Council meeting shall engage in conduct that is contrary to the rules herein, including the utterance of loud, threatening or abusive language, whistling, clapping, stamping of feet, or other acts or noises which may disturb, disrupt or otherwise impede the orderly conduct of any Council meeting.


#### Enforcement of the Decorum Rules

8. Any person violating any of the aforementioned provisions of this resolution shall be in violation of the rules of order and decorum.
9. In the event of any violation of the aforementioned rules of order and decorum, the Mayor, in the Mayor's sole discretion, may: (i) issue a warning to such person who violates these rules, or (ii) may take such other action as the Mayor deems appropriate.
10. If any person(s) persists in violating the rules of order and decorum during any Council meeting, the sergeant at arms may take the appropriate actions to remove such person(s) from the Council meeting. Any person(s) removed from a Council meeting shall be excluded from further attendance and participation in the Council meeting.

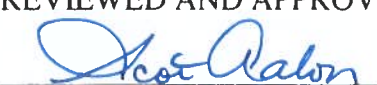
APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

  
Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:

  
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

  
Scott Aaron, City Attorney